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Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.  
Governor

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200 W. Washington Street  
Statehouse, Room 206  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

**Re: Explanation of Regional Organization for Workforce Development**

Dear Governor Daniels:

Please accept this letter as explanation of the current regional workforce development map groupings and organization. The Department of Workforce Development understands the State is currently assisting several Indiana Counties in their petition to the Federal Government to change time zones, and that one of the factors requiring explanation is why they fall into a particular regional grouping or zone for purposes of workforce development. As such, we offer this explanation.

Like other State agencies, we at Workforce Development have split up the State into several regions based on our ability to effectively and efficiently deliver the services that our agency provides in such a way that it is the most convenient to our customers. Naturally, in so doing, we created numerous regional centers away from Indianapolis to provide customers with better access to our workforce development services. The division of the State into eleven regional zones is based on geographical groupings of counties that are naturally contiguous to one another.

It is important to understand that the line dividing up any given region was not based on time zones. The workforce development regions are based on my Agency's need to deliver government services across the State of Indiana, and ought not be viewed as evidence adverse to those counties petitioning the Federal Government to change time zones.

If you have any more questions, please feel free to contact my office and I will be happy to supplement this explanation.

Sincerely,

Ronald L. Stiver  
Commissioner, Indiana Department of Workforce Development

